

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 6, 2003. In order to advance prosecution of this case, Applicants amend Claims 1-8, 11, and 15-26. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Section 102 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-11 and 13-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,487,424 issued to Kraft et al. ("Kraft").

As amended, Claim 1 recites:

A method for providing selectable characters within a user interface comprising:
determining an operating mode of a communication device;
receiving an input associated with a selected key;
determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode;
and
displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within a user interface.

Kraft fails to disclose every element of Claim 1. *Kraft* does not disclose "determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode[.]" The portions of *Kraft* cited by the Examiner (Abstract; Col. 7, ll. 15-21) make no mention of a "key", so the cited text can not disclose "determining a group of characters associated with the selected key" as the Examiner suggests. Moreover, no other portion of *Kraft* discloses "determining a group of characters associated with the selected key." Additionally, because *Kraft* fails to disclose

"determining a group of characters associated with the selected key", Kraft can not disclose "displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within a user interface." Consequently, Kraft fails to teach, disclose, or suggest every element of Claim 1. For at least these reasons, Claim 1 is allowable. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claim 1 and its dependents.

As amended, Claim 8 recites:

A user interface for displaying selectable characters comprising:

a first display portion operable to display a group of characters associated with a selected key in response to the selected key being selected;

a second display portion operable to display one of the characters associated with the selected key proximal to the first display portion; and

an input device operably coupled to the first display portion and the second display portion, the input device comprising a plurality of keys.

Kraft also fails to disclose every element of Claim 8. Kraft fails to disclose any element operable to display a character or characters "associated with a selected key[.]" As a result, Kraft does not disclose "a first display portion operable to display a group of characters associated with a selected key in response to the key being selected" and "a second display portion operable to display one of the characters associated with the selected key proximal to the first display portion" as recited by Claim 8. Consequently, Kraft fails to teach, disclose, or suggest every element of Claim 8. For at least these reasons, Claim 8 is allowable. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claim 8 and its dependents.

Kraft fails to disclose, for reasons substantially similar to those discussed above with respect to Claim 1, every element of Claims 15 and 20. For at least these reasons, Claims 15 and 20 are thus allowable. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 15 and 20 and their dependents.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kraft in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,870,683 issued to Wells et al. ("Wells"). Claim 12 depends from allowable Claim 8. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of these claims for at least this reason.

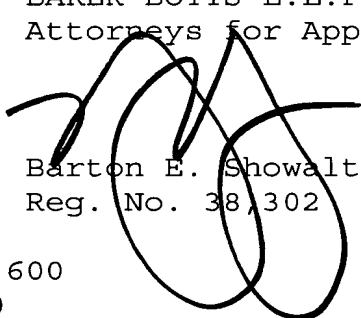
Conclusions

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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